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REMARKS

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1. In mid-October 1950, it was learned that the about 750 trainees at the VP school in Pirna were thoroughly tested by VP Inspekteur Wels (fnu), between 16 and 28 October. About 50 percent of the examination questions were of a political nature, while the other 50 percent concerned military tasks, which were conducted in the form of sand-table exercises, and small-scale infantry exercises. It was planned to commission 70 percent of the trainees who passed the examination and to assign them to active duty with VP units. *
2. In mid-October, it was learned that the Rote Kaserne in Rottwerndorf (N 51/F 37) was being reconditioned to quarter about 500 VP personnel. The Grenzkommandantur previously located in the town had been moved to the former NCO school in Struppen (N 51/F 47). **

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* Comment. The VP school for signal and engineer training in Pirna has been repeatedly confirmed. VP Inspekteur Wels (fnu), not Wels, was mentioned in a previous report to be the commandant of the Pirna VP school. He is an ex-major (Engr) and a member of the National Committee Free Germany. The information on the examination of the trainees confirms the completion of training courses at the VP schools about the end of October or the beginning of November.

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** Comment. To date no VP personnel has been known to be stationed in Rottwerndorf. Further information is required to determine whether one of the army-type cadre units of the NVA or a school of the Grenzpolizei will move into the barracks installation.

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